

Docket No. 24180-124004

PATENT



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application of:)
) Art Unit: 1772
Applicant: CURIE <i>et al.</i>)
) Examiner: R. Dye
Serial No.: Continuation of ⁰⁹ /293,401)
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Filed: June 20, 2001)
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For: TRANSPARENT MULTILAYER)
POLYPROPYLENE CONTAINER)
WITH BARRIER PROTECTION)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the patent application filed herewith. The references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 were previously identified in U.S.S.N. 09/293,401 filed April 16, 1999, the parent application(s) of the present application, and copies of the references were furnished at that time. Accordingly, additional copies of the references are not submitted herewith, so as not to burden the file with duplicate copies of references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to carefully review the references in accordance with the requirements set out in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, Applicants submit that no fee or certification is necessary for consideration of the cited references pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

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Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any reference or other art, including the disclosures of those references and other information discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

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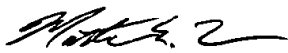
It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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